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THE NEGATIVE ZONE...SEVERAL WEEKS AGO...
THE INVADERS MUST BE STOPPED!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THESE ALIENS KEEP COMING FROM, BUT THEY CLEARLY PLAN TO SETTLE HERE. WE MUST PROTECT OUR HIVES!
YESSSSS!
OH NO...
IT'S THEM!

AAAAAAAHHHHH!!
ALRIGHT, GUYS. KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR ANYTHING WEIRD. WE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO TO GET THIS PRISON BUILT ON SCHEDULE, AND WE DON'T WANT ANY BUG-EYED MONSTERS CRASHING THE PARTY!

TWO PLUS TWO PART ONE: HOME INVASION

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THE WAKANDAN EMBASSY IN NEW YORK CITY. NOW...
SO WHERE DO WE GO NOW? BACK TO WAKANDA?
NO, WE'VE GOT TO DEAL WITH WASHINGTON, D.C. AND MARSHAL THE SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE U.N. IS THE PLACE FOR THAT.
SO DO WE BOOK THE WALDORF?
WALDORF? MORE LIKE THE MANDARIN ORIENTAL. IF WE DIDN'T HAVE BETTER OPTIONS.
WHAT OPTIONS?
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
IS IT ABOUT TO RAIN?
...OH... WOW...

NICE. YOU KEEP THOSE AROUND?
YOU KNOW I LIKE TO BE PREPARED.

MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER...
WHY CAN'T I BLOW IT OUT OF THE SKY?
BECAUSE WE JUST DESTROYED HIS EMBASSY. IF HE INVADES OUR AIRSPACE BECAUSE HE NEEDS A SAFE PLACE TO REST HIS HEAD, IT'S A WASH.
YOU'RE NOT GOING SOFT ON ME NOW, ARE YOU, TONY?
T'CHALLA'S BACK IS AGAINST THE WALL AND HE KNOWS IT. IF WE LEAVE THE MAN ENOUGH DIGNITY, WE CAN GET SOME GREAT CONCESSIONS OUT OF HIM.
I'LL GIVE HIM 24 HOURS, THEN THAT THING BETTER BE GONE.
DO YOU WONDER HOW MANY MORE OF THOSE THINGS HE'S GOT PLANTED AROUND THE COUNTRY? AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE IN CHARGE OF FINDING THINGS LIKE THAT?
...
I THOUGHT SO.

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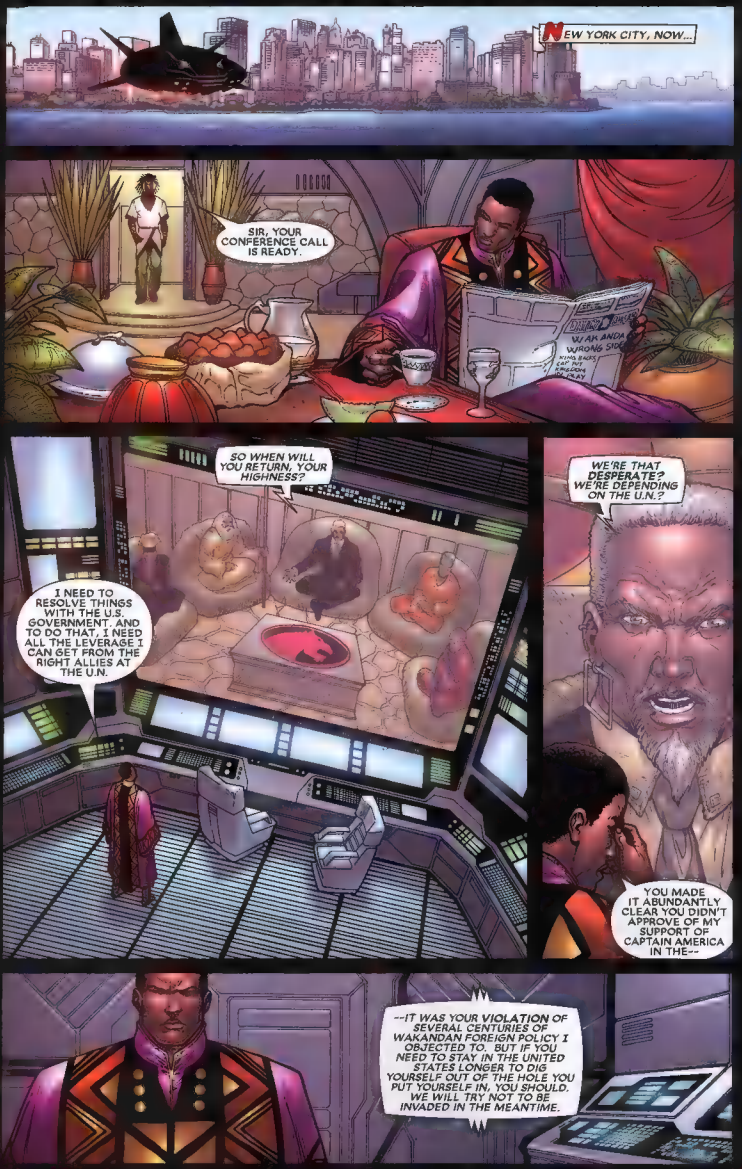
NEW YORK CITY, NOW...
SIR, YOUR CONFERENCE CALL IS READY.
WAR AND A WRONG STO
KING BAGS 1ST PET FOREIGN HOLIDAY
I NEED TO RESOLVE THINGS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. AND TO DO THAT, I NEED ALL THE LEVERAGE I CAN GET FROM THE RIGHT ALLIES AT THE U.N.
SO WHEN WILL YOU RETURN, YOUR HIGHNESS?
WE'RE THAT DESPERATE? WE'RE DEPENDING ON THE U.N.?
YOU MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR YOU DIDN'T APPROVE OF MY SUPPORT OF CAPTAIN AMERICA IN THE--
--IT WAS YOUR VIOLATION OF SEVERAL CENTURIES OF WAKANDAN FOREIGN POLICY I OBJECTED TO. BUT IF YOU NEED TO STAY IN THE UNITED STATES LONGER TO DIG YOURSELF OUT OF THE HOLE YOU PUT YOURSELF IN, YOU SHOULD. WE WILL TRY NOT TO BE INVADED IN THE MEANTIME.

IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM FOLLOWING THE ORDERS OF YOUR KING, LET ME KNOW. I WILL [illegible] YOU OF YOUR POSITION AND SEND MY WIFE HOME TO HANDLE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS UNTIL I RETURN.
YOUR HIGHNESS...I'M SORRY IF I LET OUR FAMILIAL RELATIONS LEAD ME TO OVERSTEP MY BOUNDS. I WILL DO AS YOU COMMAND.
ARE YOU CERTAIN? BECAUSE IF YOU NEED SOME TIME OFF TO THINK ABOUT IT--
NO, YOUR HIGHNESS.
GOOD. IN THE MEANTIME, I HAVE DESIGNED A NEW [illegible] FOR NEW YORK. I'M SCANNING BLUEPRINTS TO YOU NOW.
WE SHOULD TURN THESE UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES INTO AN OPPORTUNITY TO UPGRADE [illegible] FACILITIES...AND UPGRADE OUR DEFENSIVE AND OFFENSIVE CAPABILITIES.
VERY... AMBITIOUS. EVEN WITH OUR CONSTRUCTION SKILLS, THESE WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO EXECUTE.
[illegible] WILL OUR SUPPORT STAFF BE [illegible] UNTIL THEN? GIVEN THE HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT, WE NEED SOMETHING VERY SAFE--
I WILL HAVE AN ANSWER IN 48 HOURS OR LESS.

THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK...
ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU DON'T FEEL THAT THE THREAT IS REAL?
QUITE THE CONTRARY. YOUR HUSBAND HAS BEEN A VERY WISE MAN IN PREDICTING THE POTENTIAL THREAT OF THE U.S. SUPER-FORCE.
BUT DON'T YOU THINK THAT YOUR APPROACHING US TO JOIN FORCES IS A BIT IRONIC?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WE WERE DEVELOPING OUR OWN ARAB SUPER HERO--A POSSIBLE COUNTER TO ISRAEL'S SABRA--BUT HE WAS RECENTLY DEFEATED IN BATTLE...
...BY *AHEM*: YOUR HUSBAND AND YOURSELF.
DID WE? I CAN BARELY REMEMBER THAT...
NOW SHE ADDS INSULT TO INJURY!
LOOK...POLITICS MAKES STRANGE BEDFELLOWS! THE ENEMY OF MY ENEMY IS MY--
SLAM

ARGH! I HATE DIPLOMACY! WHO CAN REMEMBER SOME LOSER WHO WAS BOTHERING [redacted] WHILE MY HUSBAND WAS PROPOSING?!
BEEP
HOW GOES IT?
QUIT.
THAT WELL?
THE OPEC DELEGATION JUST WALKED OUT.
THEY [redacted] NEVER GOING TO WORK WITH US. THE THREAT OF US POPULARIZING NON-FOSSIL FUEL-BASED TECHNOLOGIES IS TOO THREATENING TO THEIR ECONOMIES.
THEN THEY WERE JUST WASTING MY TIME?
THEY WANT TO GET DESPERATE ENOUGH ALLIES TO BUILD A SUPER HERO ARMY FOR THEM.
HOW WERE THE OTHER MEETINGS?
THE FRENCH ARE INTERESTED BUT SCARED OF THE AMERICANS...CUBA AND VENEZUELA ARE INTERESTED, BUT HAVE VERY LITTLE CLOUT... AND THE PACIFIC RIM [redacted] BUILDING THEIR OWN SUPER-POWERED RESPONSE.
I AM SURE YOU'RE SICK OF BEING STUCK INDOORS. WHY DON'T YOU FLY BACK TO THE SHIP. WE'VE GOT A DINNER TONIGHT.

Wow, you don't come across too many lions in the city. At least not this far from 64th Street.
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I'm going to ignore that... I need someone to help me learn the ropes of city life.

Great. The first thing we need to do is find a drugstore. I need some conditioner or my mane is going to get all frizzy.
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TAVERN ON THE GREEN RESTAURANT, NEW YORK, THAT EVENING...
SO YOU BOUGHT OUT THE PLACE FOR THE NIGHT?
IT WAS THE ONLY WAY WE WERE GOING TO GET ANY PRIVACY, ORORO.
WELL, I'M GLAD TO BE AWAY FROM THAT SMELLY RIVER WE'RE DOCKED AT. I DON'T KNOW HOW MY HUSBAND CAN STAND IT WITH HIS HEIGHTENED SENSES.
I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT THAT UP. I-- WE--HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU.
SUE AND I ARE GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME OFF TO WORK ON OUR RELATIONSHIP. WE'RE GETTING AWAY FROM ALL THE PRESSURES THAT ARE TEARING US APART AND WE'RE NOT RETURNING UNTIL WE'RE BACK ON TRACK.
SUE! HAVE YOU IMPLANTED SOME MIND-CONTROL CHIP IN HIS HEAD?
ALL HIM, I SWEAR.
WHAT I'M SAYING IS: WHILE YOU'RE REBUILDING, YOU COULD RELOCATE YOUR EMBASSY TO THE BAXTER BUILDING.

WHAT ABOUT BEN AND JOHNNY?
WELL, IF THE TWO OF YOU COULD GUIDE THE GROUP, KIND OF SUPERVISE THE TEAM WHILE WE'RE GONE... WE'D BE VERY GRATEFUL.
NO ONE IS A MORE PERFECT MATCH... FROM YOUR POWERS TO YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS.
BUT MOST OF ALL, YOU'RE A FAMILY.
SO BEN AND JOHNNY ARE OKAY WITH THIS?
THEY WILL BE, RIGHT, REED?
IF THEY DO AGREE, WILL YOU TAKE US UP ON OUR OFFER?
YES.
TO NEW

THE BAXTER BUILDING, LATER...
SECOND HONEYMOON? NIIICE!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD IT IN YOU, REED.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SECOND HONEYMOON? WE NEVER ■ A FIRST!
DON'T WORRY, STRETCHO, WE'LL KEEP AN EYE ON EVERYTHING WHILE YOU'RE GONE.
:GAAAK:
SORRY ABOUT THAT, PAL.
ACTUALLY, WE WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT. WE'VE FOUND REPLACEMENTS FOR OURSELVES.
"REPLACEMENTS"? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
WE'RE BIG BOYS. WE CAN TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES.
YEP. BEN'S ALMOST HOUSEBROKEN!
SHUT IT, YOU--
THANKS FOR MAKING THE POINT, CHILDREN.
OKAY, MAYBE YOU GOT A POINT. AS LONG AS THEY KNOW HOW TO USE ■■ OF YOUR FLIBBERDEGIBITS. ■■ CASE THERE'S TROUBLE THAT JOHNNY CAN'T BURN AND I CAN'T PUNCH.

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CAN WE UPGRADE? MAYBE SOMEBODY WHO TALKS IN PLAIN ENGLISH?
NOW YER TALKING!
AND A HOT GIRL... PLEASE?
I BELIEVE YOU KNOW KING T'CHALLA AND QUEEN ORORO OF WAKANDA!
BUT WEREN'T YOU TWO JUST... SCRAPPIN'?
I THINK SUE AND REED SHOULD BE AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL.
REED.
YES, BEN?
CLASSY MOVE, HERE. I'M IMPRESSED.
THANKS, BEN. THAT MEANS A LOT.

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THE SPIN ZONE
NOW HE'S OPENING HIS HOME TO A FOREIGN POTENTATE AND HIS MUTANT TERRORIST WIFE WHO WORKS TO UNDO AMERICAN LAW AND ORDER?
SURE, HIS NEW YORK PAD GOT A LITTLE UNEXPECTED REMODELING...BUT THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ATTACK U.S.-SANCTIONED FORCES, CATMAN!
REED, DON'T LET LIBERAL GUILT GET THE BEST OF YOU. HE'S NOT HOMELESS. LET HIM COMMUTE TO THE U.N. FROM HIS OWN COUNTRY.
AND SPEAKING OF THE U.N., ISN'T IT TIME SOMEONE TOOK A HAMMER TO THAT WASTE OF SPACE?

THE BAXTER BUILDING...
MAYBE WE SHOULDA THUNK THIS ONE THROUGH A LITTLE MORE...
YEAH. DEFINITELY.
BEEP BEEP
OH BOY. AN EMERGENCY ALREADY?
MAYBE HE CAN'T FIND THE CAN OPENER...
WHAT'S THE STORY, T'CHARLIE?
WHAT IS REED'S FASTEST SPACECRAFT?
I KNEW IT! COULDN'T WAIT TO GET YER HANDS ON THE TOYS, HUH?
FINE. THIS WAY, THEN...

MEANWHILE IN WAKANDA...
BY YOUR DESCRIPTION OF THE MULTIPLE AURAS AROUND HIM, YOU SAW A CANNIBAL... A SOUL EATER WHO TAKES POSSESSION OF BODIES, WHILE MAINTAINING ACCESS TO THE MEMORIES OF THE HOST.
MY BROTHER'S SPIRIT LIVES ON IN ME. IS IT THE SAME?
NO, BECAUSE YOU CANNOT CONSUME OTHER SPIRITS, OR INHABIT THEIR BODIES AND FORSAKE YOUR OWN.
THIS IS A TERRIBLE PROBLEM. THE PARANOIA IT CREATES CAN BE AS DAMAGING AS THE BEHAVIOR OF THE CANNIBAL ITSELF. TRUST IS THE CORNERSTONE OF CIVILIZATION...
HOW DO WE FIND THE CANNIBAL? THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE, AND HE CAN MOVE TO ANOTHER BODY WHEN WE GET CLOSE.
YOU ARE UNIQUELY SUITED FOR THE TASK, BROTHER VOODOO, ALTHOUGH IT WILL REQUIRE AN EFFORT THAT WILL STRAIN YOUR POWERS TO THEIR LIMITS.
BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION IS: WHEN YOU FIND THE CANNIBAL, ARE YOU READY TO KILL WITHOUT HESITATION?
TO STOP A MONSTER, ARE YOU READY TO END AN INNOCENT LIFE?

ARE THEY MOVING CLOSER? I THINK THEY ARE.
DO YOU THINK THE AMERICANS WILL ATTACK SOON?
OF COURSE THEY WILL! WITH THE KING GONE, THIS IS THE PERFECT MOMENT TO ATTACK!
SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
ME?
AREN'T YOU NEXT IN LINE TO THE THRONE? YOU SHOULD TAKE CHARGE WHEN YOUR BROTHER IS GONE.
YOU KNOW PROTOCOL DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY...
BUT WHY DOESN'T IT?
FIRST OF ALL, HE'S ONLY A CONTINENT AWAY! HE'S TELECONFERENCING ALL THE TIME!
HE'S HALF A WORLD AWAY! YOU'RE RIGHT HERE, LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE. YOU'RE A GREAT FIGHTER, AND YOU'RE A TRAINED SCIENTIST...
I WENT THROUGH THIS ALREADY. I AM NOT DOING ANY MORE ROGUE MISSIONS...
YOU HELPED SAVE THE NATION LAST TIME! AND THIS TIME WE'LL BE THERE TO HELP YOU!
OR AT LEAST...I WILL.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D.C....
REED REALLY BURNED US WITH THIS MOVE, ROSS.
WHAT DO YOU THINK? DOES RICHARDS HAVE POLITICAL AMBITIONS? IS HE TRYING TO POSITION HIMSELF AS A MODERATE WITH THIS MOVE WITH T'CHALLA?
THEY COULD ACTUALLY ■ FRIENDS, SIR.
I WOULD SAY THAT'S THE MOST RIDICULOUS THING I'VE EVER HEARD--EXCEPT IT'S ■ SILLY, IT ACTUALLY MAKES SENSE.
WELL, IF RICHARDS DOESN'T HAVE THE POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE TO HOLD HIS POSITION WHEN HE'S ■ THE POPULAR SIDE OF THE STREET, THEN HE GOES DOWN WITH THE PANTHER. AND BELIEVE ME, HE'S GOING DOWN!
NOW THAT WE'VE CLEANED UP THE U.S., WE CAN SHOW THIS ROGUE NATION THEY BETTER NOT THINK OF MESSING WITH US. THE ARMS RACE OF THE 21ST CENTURY JUST ENDED AND WE NEED TO MAKE AN ■■■■ OUT OF SOMEONE.
IF WAKANDA ■ KIND ENOUGH TO VOLUNTEER, SO BE IT!

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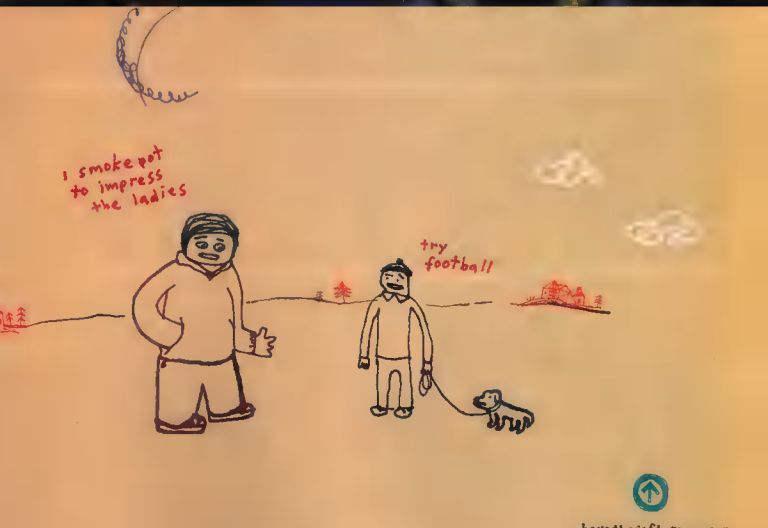

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EVERYBODY ALL STRAPPED IN? NOT ANOTHER BATHROOM STOP UNTIL...
WHENEVER YOU'RE READY, BENJAMIN.
THINGS WILL BE FINE WHILE WE'RE GONE, RIGHT?
ABSOLUTELY. PLUS, THIS WON'T TAKE LONG.
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FIRE!
STAND YOUR GROUND!
REPEAT: STAND YOUR GROUND!

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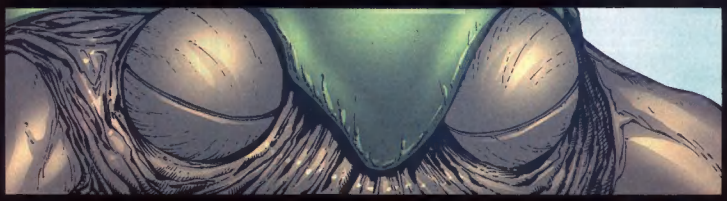

I'M HERB!
NOW LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE IT!
TO BE CONTINUED...

MAIL TO THE KING!

I have been a loyal Marvel reader for many years but recent events have prompted me to write you. I am writing to express my disapproval of the marriage of Storm and Black Panther. The history of the two characters in MARVEL TEAM-UP #100 was the opposite of the one described by Eric Jerome Dickey.

The wedding of the two characters seemed rushed and thrown together with a ret-conned history that doesn't seem to fit the way these characters have acted since their creation. One huge departure was the sexual intercourse between the two at such a young age. It was totally outside the character of Storm that Chris Claremont has laid out for years. I feel that this depiction cheapens her as the moral person she was always shown to be. I have discussed this with a large number of my comic-collecting community friends and the owners from three local comic shops who also believe that this move was forced and not right.

It also appears to me that two black characters were simply thrown together merely because they are both black. I don't know if it occurred to the writer that just because they come from the same continent that their cultures are still very different. Black people from different cultures don't automatically "hook-up" when there is no prior history between them simply because they have the same skin color. Please don't think I am trying to belabor this racial issue because I'm not. I am an African-American as well. I am very familiar with the history of Storm, her past love interest, and with Black Panther's many love interests as well. It is obvious that this relationship wouldn't have occurred naturally unless being forced by unknowledgeable writers. I think that if Marvel is interested in promoting the racial diversity of its characters, there are several better ways to accomplish this.

I hope that these thoughts will be taken under consideration by your writers in the future.

Thanks for your time,
JoJo Bynum

I've read a number of letters from folks who thought Storm's marriage to T'Challa was a misstep and almost just as many from readers who thought it was a terrific development for the pair. I think, regardless of your take on how they came to be where they are, there are many interesting stories to be told about where their marriage will lead them—this Fantastic Four story included. And who knows what's in store for them next: The Frightful Four? Baby Black Panthers? Divorce? This is the Marvel Universe, after all...

Dear Reggie,

Keep up the great work on PANTHER! I have no complaints, but I do have a request. Please bring back an ongoing WAR MACHINE series!!! And I mean Jim Rhodes in the War Machine armor, not the leader of the Sentinel Squad.

Don't get confused: Black Panther is one of my favorite characters from the Marvel Universe. I have been reading and collecting BLACK PANTHER for years, but Jim Rhodes as War Machine IS MY FAVORITE CHARACTER OF ALL TIME. The only appearance I have seen of Jim Rhodes in a long time was in BLACK PANTHER 22 (which was much appreciated - NUFF RESPECT). As of right now there is no U.S. War Machine series and Jim Rhodes does not even appear in IRON MAN (which is ridiculous if he is supposed to be Tony Stark's best friend).

Marvel is sleeping on one of their best characters. THE CREW (which I thought was amazing) is no longer around and didn't even put Jim in the armor.

Again, please bring back Jim Rhodes in the original War Machine armor, not the Sentinel Squad or the even more ridiculous alien War Wear armor (which I would like to forget).

Thank you,
James R.
Toronto, Canada

Ever since BLACK PANTHER #22 hit the stands, we've received lots of mail requesting a proper return for War Machine. Well, it looks like your requests haven't fallen upon deaf ears. In fact, they've fallen upon Tom Brevoort's! Next week, check out the new series he's editing—AVENGERS: THE INITIATIVE—for the return of Jim Rhodes, War Machine!

Mail to the King:

After reading BLACK PANTHER #22, I have a question: Does any Marvel fan supporting the pro-registration side still exist out there? I don't think so. What the heck is happening with Iron Man ready to kill one of the Dora Milaje in his blind pursuit of the Panther? (If it weren't for Storm's miraculous reaction, she would have died, right?) Has he sacrificed his values to achieve his goals?

No matter if their intentions were good at the beginning, the pro-registration faction has become some kind of a fascist movement. What are those guys going to do if they win the conflict and impose their conditions? To keep the half of the American (if not worldwide) population—humans and super-humans alike—locked up in the Negative Zone; and the other half controlled by those giant Sentinels in every corner? Are they going to start building big statues of Iron Man or Reed Richards in the main squares of every city?

What's unclear is what would happen if the anti-registration side stands victorious once the conflict is over. What measures would they take against those who led or supported the pro-registration movement (super heroes, government's politicians, S.H.I.E.L.D. agents, etc.)? Would they put some of them in jail? Would there be a total amnesty?

Finally, and on another note, Hudlin gives us all good advice in BLACK PANTHER #22: Don't take children to demonstrations! There have been plenty of pacific demonstrations and protest marches throughout history (against a political or military action taken by a government, or even colorful, ultra-pacific gay-pride marches) that ended up with some cop kicking a pregnant woman in her belly. Sometimes it's not the fault of a repressive force, but a lot of other factors (too many people in an enclosed place, for example, or when some protesters become angry or offended by some reason, and start shouting or pushing too much, creating general confusion) can make a crowd go crazy, and then anything can happen.

Just don't take your children to support or protest against something they are not ready to understand. Let them grow and decide for themselves whether they want or not to be part of such political events. Don't put their lives in danger just because of some idealistic caprice.

Keep up the great work and the challenging nature of the stories. Eternally, a Hudlin's BLACK PANTHER fan...

Guido Cuadros F.A.
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I'm guessing that most of your questions have been answered by CIVIL WAR #7, Guido. If you're looking for more, certainly keep your eye on books like MIGHTY AVENGERS, AVENGERS: THE INITIATIVE and the upcoming NEW WARRIORS for more on the all-new, all-different Marvel Universe!

And I think you've nicely summed up one of the many lessons we learned from BLACK PANTHER #22: Don't take children to demonstrations! (Although, can't you just picture some parent putting this slogan on a T-shirt and making their toddler wear it at the next rally they attend?)

And while there are no rallies to be had in our next issue, there's certainly plenty to be excited about! In BLACK PANTHER #27, the new Fantastic Four returns from their first adventure to find trouble at home... namely, a giant bug monster from the Negative Zone. Be here in thirty to see if T'Challa has any luck with his panther-shaped flyswatter! (Because you know he has one.)

--Daniel

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And for more on the team's first adventure, check out:

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